

**Warden Message
US Embassy Lusaka
September 27, 2006**

This message is intended for all American citizens visiting or residing in Zambia. Since some people may not have provided e-mail addresses to the Consular Section, I would like to ask the wardens to please distribute the following notice to all American citizens within your registration zone as soon as possible. Thank you.

On 28 September, Zambian presidential elections are scheduled to take place. During the Zambian elections and in the days following, Americans are advised to avoid polling and counting stations, government offices, universities and other places where large crowds might gather. The situation remains fluid and, as we have seen in the past few weeks, rallies and other meetings can quickly turn violent. Following the closing of the polls on the evening of September 28, votes will be tallied and sent to district and provincial collection centers, and to an Elections Results Center at the Mulungushi Conference Center on Great East Road across from the Arcades Shopping Center. Areas near the district and provincial collection centers and the Results Center may become the focus of activity as results come in. For this reason, the Embassy recommends that Americans avoid these locations until final results are certified and announced. Americans are urged to be aware of their immediate surroundings and to stay informed of current events.

For the latest security information, Americans living and traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department's Bureau of Consular Affairs Internet website at <http://travel.state.gov>, where the current Worldwide Caution, Public Announcements, and Travel Warnings can be found. Up-to-date information can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll free in the U.S., or, for callers outside the U.S. and Canada, a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM Eastern time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

The U.S. Embassy is located at the corner of Independence and United Nations Avenues. The mailing address is P.O. Box 31617, Lusaka, Zambia. U.S. citizens may contact the American Embassy during regular work hours, Monday through Thursday from 7:30 AM to 5 PM, and on Friday from 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM by dialing 260-1-250-955. For after-hours emergencies involving American citizens, please dial 260-1-250-955 extension 1. The fax number is 260-1-252-225. The website is: <http://zambia.usembassy.gov>.